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SUBJ: LOCKHEED AFFAIR DELAYS INAUGURATION OF DEFENSE COOPERATION
COMMITTEE

1. TODAY'S TOKYO NEWSPAPERS QUOTE JDA DEPUTY DIRGEN KUBO AS
TELLING REPORTERS THAT, BECAUSE OF LOCKHEED AFFAIR, "THE
MOOD IS TOO BAD FOR US TO INAUGRATE THE JAPAN-US DEFENSE
COOPERATION COMMITTEE. WE SHALL HAVE TO WAIT FOR SOME TIME
UNTIL THE INCIDENT COMES TO A TENTATIVE PAUSE." JDA PRESS
OFFICERS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT STATEMENT AS COMING IN RESPONSE
TO QUESTION AT REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: KUBO'S REMARKS ARE IN LINE WITH PRIVATE COMMENTS
OF FONOFF OFFICIALS WHO STATE THAT SCC WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL
LOCKHEED SCANDAL SUBSIDES. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED SOME HOPE
THAT THIS MAY HAPPEN IN TIME FOR A SCC MEETING IN LATE
APRIL OR EARLY MAY WHEN CINCPAC MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.
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